

ALLIES TWICE HALT GERMAN DRIVE ON YSER

Infantry Attacks South of Dixmude Thrown Back With Loss—Rheims Again Bombarded.

German Submarines Escape to Sea After Being Shelled at Zeebrugge—Invaders' Lines Heavily Reinforced.

The repulse of two German infantry attacks on the right bank of the Yser, south of Dixmude, was reported in the official statement issued this afternoon by the French War Office. It is at this point that the invaders are expected to renew their efforts to break through the lines in their drive to the coast, but apparently the attacks are not being pressed with determination.

In the Argonne region other German attacks have been repulsed, but these engagements were of minor importance, and for the most part the fighting has been left to the artillery. Rheims has been shelled again, but the amount of damage done is not reported.

Dispatches received in London from Rotterdam say that some of the submarines that were under fire when the Allied fleets bombarded Zeebrugge escaped, although the shells from the naval guns did great damage.

The Germans continue to send heavy reinforcements into Belgium, but the expected offensive to break through to the coast has not yet begun. In the meantime, many bateaux, to be used to transport troops across the inundated districts, are being sent to the front.

Petrograd is clamoring for official confirmation of the victory over von Hindenburg's army, indicated as of great magnitude by the piecemeal details published. The Official Army Messenger has announced the surrender of a German corps of 50,000 men and the development of another. Von Hindenburg's army has been crushed in the belief in Petrograd, and its forces divided, while the reinforcements under General Makenzen have also been defeated. The German front south of Plock is declared to have been cut in two by a Russian wedge driven between Plock and Lodz. The German forces in southern Poland is vainly striving to join the northern army, but junction is prevented by intervening Russian forces.

Berlin does not admit a disaster in the Poland campaign, but it is significant that the censor has barred, for ten days, publication of messages from that front. The War Office announces that Russian casualties were 40,000 in the fighting near Lodz. Vienna asserts that the fighting in Russian Poland has assumed the proportions of a "continuous battle."

Russia reports the capture of 9000 Turks, who are fleeing in complete rout before the Czar's victorious invasion of Armenia. It is said the Russian drive toward Erzerum has been unchecked, and that the Turks have been blocked in an attempt to invest Batum.

Turkish rioters are causing terror in Jerusalem and Joffa. At the latter city the Italian Consul has appealed to his Government to send warships to protect the aliens.

The destruction of the British battleship Bulwark at Sheerness yesterday has given rise to many rumors.

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U. S. ORDERS SUBMARINES

San Francisco Firm Said to Have \$5,000,000 Order.

NEW YORK, Nov. 27.—A dispatch from San Francisco says:

It is reported that the Union Iron Works, of this city, has received an order for eight submarines for the United States Government, to cost \$5,000,000.

J. Borden Harriman Sinking

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.—The condition of J. Borden Harriman, retired New York financier, took a sudden turn for the worse today and it is feared he may not survive the night. Mr. Harriman has been ill for several weeks.

FAIR

THE WEATHER

For Philadelphia and vicinity—Generally fair and colder tonight; Saturday unsettled and colder, with probably rain in the afternoon; fresh westerly winds becoming variable. For details, see last page.

ALLEGED OPIUM SMUGGLER HAD \$200 WORTH OF DRUG

Patrick O'Brien Captured as He Dashed From Pier.

Evidence pointing to a systematic scheme of smuggling opium into this city from England is said to have been obtained by United States Customs authorities as a result of the arrest of a man who gave his name as Patrick O'Brien. He was held in \$500 bail for a further hearing December 4, today by United States Commissioner Edmunds in the Federal Building.

PENNSYLVANIA R. R. REFUSES TO DELAY INCREASE IN RATES

Also Unwilling to Advance Price of 50 and 100 Trip Tickets Instead of Discon- tinuing Them.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company today refused to agree to temporary suspension of the proposed increase in passenger rates until the State Public Service Commission will have had time to pass upon the justice of the change. At the same time, the railroad made plain that it will not be willing to increase the price of the 50 and the 100-trip tickets as a compromise with the demands of the commuters, instead of discontinuing them entirely.

Both objections by the railroad were made through H. W. Bickel, assistant counsel general, at the conclusion of the preliminary hearing on the proposed passenger rate increase before the State Public Service Commission, in Council Finance Committee Room, City Hall.

In each case the position of the Pennsylvania Railroad, as presented by Mr. Bickel, was given in reply to questions asked by ex-Governor Samuel W. Pennypacker, who was presiding. Twice Mr. Pennypacker asked whether or not the railroad was willing to suspend the proposed increase until the commission will have had a formal hearing to consider the evidence and review the entire price of these tickets and later, directly, Mr. Bickel replied it would not.

Mr. Pennypacker then pointed out that a great burden of the protest by the commuters had been directed specifically against the entire abolition of the 50 and the 100 trip tickets, and he asked whether the railroad would consider increasing the price of these tickets and the proposed doing with all other tickets, instead of discontinuing their use entirely. Mr. Bickel replied that the railroad would show later why it did not wish to do this. More than a score of protests, some from individuals, others from various civic, improvement and business associations, but all of a dramatic nature and unfairness of the proposed increase in passenger rates by the Pennsylvania, the Philadelphia and Reading and the Baltimore and Potomac Companies, were presented during the three hours the commission was in session.

While strong opposition to the increase was voiced throughout the hearing, it was evident that the commuters objected most strongly to the withdrawal of the 50 and the 100 trip tickets.

In some cases it was declared that the action of the railroads, if allowed to stand, foreboded the bankruptcy of many suburban sections. Other suburban sections made known through their representatives that they intend to boycott the railroads. In several cases it was announced that action through the attorney general's Department at Washington is being sought.

AMONG THOSE AT HEARING.

The members of the commission sitting were: Ex-Governor Samuel W. Pennypacker, chairman; Emory R. Johnson and Milton T. Brecht. Other officers of the commission present were A. B. Miller, secretary; George P. Wilson, chief of the State Bureau of Rates and Tariffs, and John Doherty, State investigator of accidents, and William N. Trinkle, counsel.

THREE ARE HURT IN CRASH OF AUTOS IN GERMANTOWN

Mr. and Mrs. Hackley, of Royersford, and Driver Injured.

Three persons were hurt this afternoon when a touring car and an automobile truck crashed head-on at Stanton avenue and Halnes street, Germantown. All of the injured refused to go to a hospital.

They are Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Hackley, 20 Main street, Royersford, Pa., and John Miller, 23 East Chelton avenue. Miller was driving his light auto delivery truck along Stanton avenue and Hackley was driving his car on Halnes street.

ARMY-NAVY TEAMS ARE IN CITY WITH FIRST OF CROWDS

Colors Appear on Streets. Tickets Scarce, and Those Bought From Speculators Will Be Rejected at Field.

Army and Navy gridiron warriors, 87 strong, with a long retinue of coaches, captains and admirals, arrived in Philadelphia at noon today, eager for tomorrow's battle on Franklin Field.

Led by Lieutenant E. L. Howard, coach, and Captain Overcash, the 35 members of the Navy team stepped from their train at the Baltimore and Ohio station, 24th and Chestnut streets, at noon. They went directly to the Hotel Walton. After lunch at the hotel they took their first practice on Franklin Field.

The 22 members of the Army team arrived at the Reading Terminal also at noon. They went to the Bellevue-Stratford, where they will occupy the entire 15th floor. Lieutenant Daly, the Army coach, would make no statement. C. C. Pritchard, the captain, said his men had a fighting chance. "We are here to win," he said.

The vanguard of the civil and official host that will jam itself into Franklin Field tomorrow for the 25th football game between the teams of the Army and the Navy also began to arrive in Philadelphia today. Hotel space is obtainable now only by chance, a flood of reservations being wired into the big hotels within the last 24 hours having taken up virtually all available room.

The streets already are beginning to betray the presence of the partisans. Blue and gold of the Navy and the tri-color black, gray and gold of the Army flash out against the sober hues of pedestrian crowds along Chestnut and Broad streets today in ever-increasing numbers in many pennants and the few uniforms of the officers early on the scene.

SPECULATORS' TICKETS NOT GOOD.

The bickering between the two arms of the service that nearly resulted in the cancellation of the game this year apparently has added to the prestige of the event as one of social and athletic importance. Thousands who are traveling to this city to see the game will be disappointed.

Those who buy pasteborders of admission from speculators also are doomed to disappointment, according to a drastic rule made by the authorities to prevent the scalping of tickets. The victims will have to watch the game on a scoreboard or stand over a ticket agent for the details on a thin white strip of paper.

MANY ENTERTAINMENTS TONIGHT.

The delegations from Annapolis and West Point of student followers of the teams will not arrive in Philadelphia until tomorrow, a short time before the game. Officialdom will be here by tonight.

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F. T. CHANDLER, JR., WILL WED MISS DOROTHY BROOKS

Banker's Son Takes Out Marriage License.

Frederick T. Chandler, Jr., 902 Overlook avenue, son of Frederick T. Chandler, a member of the firm of Chandler Brothers, bankers and brokers, 123 Chestnut street, obtained a marriage license today to marry Mrs. Dorothy Brooks, 400 Woodbine avenue, Overbrook, daughter of Mrs. James H. Brooks.

Both Mr. Chandler and Miss Brooks are prominent financiers. They will be married on December 1 at 10 o'clock in the Overbrook Presbyterian Church by the Rev. Dr. Guido Howard.

Following the wedding a reception will be held at the home of Mrs. James H. Brooks. After a honeymoon the couple will reside at the Montic Vistas in Overbrook.

CATTLE QUARANTINE WILL BE LIFTED AT MIDNIGHT

Embargo on Hogs, Sheep and Calves Raised Also Sunday Midnight.

The quarantine on which the Federal authorities declared today that the cause of the presence of cases of hog and mouth disease there, will be lifted tonight at midnight. The quarantine on hogs, sheep and calves will be lifted at midnight Sunday.

This order will affect the entire State and States into which the pastures from the Philadelphia Stockyards. After tonight cattle may pass through the Philadelphia quarantine. After Sunday the same will be true of hogs, sheep and calves.

For two weeks the heads of the yards have been working cleaning out the pens, spreading disinfectant and whitewashing the fences. The yards have been declared thoroughly cleaned now and the business that has been held up for two weeks will be rushed through, say the managers of the yard. Business at the yards was entirely suspended during the quarantine.

20,000 AUSTRALIAN TROOPS SENT TO EUROPEAN WAR

MELBOURNE, Nov. 27.—The Common- wealth of Australia has sent 20,328 troops to the front in Europe, and 19,975 are ready for transportation.

These facts were announced today by the Government. There are 164,831 men available for service at home and abroad.

JOKE FATAL TO HEARER

A verdict of death due to hemorrhage was rendered today by the coroner's jury in the case of the death of John R. Butterworth, of 487 Kramer avenue, Philadelphia, who died November 20 at St. Timothy's Hospital. Several previous hearings had been held in the case.

It was testified that Butterworth was joking with Edward O. Ely, of Lariaton avenue, another employe of a Roxborough factory, when he was struck by a machine, and in attempting to dodge, the man fell against the wall or a machine, causing a hemorrhage.

TORPEDOES AND MINE CLAIM THREE MORE BRITISH STEAMSHIPS

Two Vessels Sunk in Chan- nel by German Subma- rines—Collier Blown Up by Mine at Mouth of Humber.

LONDON, Nov. 27.—Three more British vessels have been sent to the bottom. Two of them, merchant steamships, were torpedoed by German submarines in the English Channel, according to reports received this afternoon by Lloyd's, while the third, the naval collier Kharston, was sunk by striking a mine off Grimsby, at the mouth of the Humber River.

The victims of the torpedo attacks were the Malachite and the Primo, both comparatively small vessels. The latter was torpedoed off Cape D'Anfer, 10 miles northeast of Havre, France. In each case the crew was rescued. The crew of the collier was also brought ashore in safety.

The announcement of these losses has deepened the gloom caused by yesterday's disaster to the battleship Bulwark.

First Lord of the Admiralty Churchill stated in the House of Commons today that the British navy would be increased by 15 ships by the end of 1915. He said that three ships were the maximum reinforcement which Germany could give to its naval strength in the same time.

Mr. Churchill declared that, in view of the enormous delivery of cruisers rapidly approaching completion, there was absolutely no reason for nervousness or alarm as to the naval situation.

"The losses in submarines are equal as regards Great Britain and Germany," he continued, "but Germany has lost eight or 10 torpedo-boat destroyers. We have lost none."

Mr. Churchill stated that Great Britain had lost six of her older armed cruisers and Germany had lost two. At the beginning of the war, he said, Great Britain had 26 modern light cruisers and Germany 16.

"We have lost two, while six of those belonging to Germany have been lost or interned," he said. "We have added six."

The French navy completely commands the Mediterranean, while that of the Japanese commands the Pacific, the head of the Admiralty stated.

The Admiralty's first lord asserted that, even if Great Britain lost 12 submarines in the first year of the war, she would still possess the same superiority that she had at the outbreak of the conflict.

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WORKMAN KILLED, OTHERS ARE HURT WHEN WALL FALLS

Police Rushed to Scene and Help Dig Crushed Man From Debris—Soon Dies in Hospital.

One man was killed and several others were badly injured and narrowly escaped being buried alive late this afternoon when a 20-foot wall of the house at 240 West Logan square collapsed with a crash which was heard a block away.

The dead man is Thomas St. John, 2309 Ingersoll street.

Thick clouds of dust prevented rescuers from extricating the workman immediately. A squad of police from the 15th and Vine streets station were rushed to the scene in a patrol, and, with the aid of workmen and other persons attracted to the scene, finally dug St. John from the debris, which was piled up to his neck.

The man was unconscious. Dr. James O'Brien, of St. Joseph's Hospital, who was passing in his automobile, gave aid to the man and then hurried him to the Medico-Chirurgical Hospital, where it was found his skull was fractured and his chest crushed. He died a few minutes after being admitted.

The house was on the line of the Parkway and formerly was occupied by George H. Van Deusen, brother of Civil Service Commissioner Van Deusen. The police believe the accident was due to negligence and a rigid investigation is being made.

The adjoining property formerly was occupied by Thomas Bradley, a wholesale meat dealer.

Several workmen, who received slight injuries, had them treated at a nearby drug store.

Prompt work of Police Sergeant Martin and Policemen Knaptrick, Koenig and Sandusky in rescuing the injured workmen saved several from more serious injuries.

The accident occurred two doors from the home of Senator James P. McNeill and within a short distance of the home of Mayor Hinkenburg.

Many of the workmen were so unnerved by the accident that they were obliged to quit work for the day.

MILLS WORKING OVERTIME

Textile Factories in Wisconsin Swamped With Orders From Europe

LA CROSSE, Wis., Nov. 27.—Woolen mills in this vicinity are literally swamped with orders from belligerent European countries.

The Western Spinning Mills of Onalaska are working on an order for 125,000 balls of woolen yarn, which will be knit for 60,000 pairs of socks at Rockford, Ill., and Appleton, Wis., for French and English soldiers.

The Onalaska Woolen Manufacturing Company has an order for 200 dozen pairs of woolen socks. The La Crosse Knitting Works accepted a number of orders of 500 and 600 pairs.

ARMY AND NAVY ELEVENS ENJOY FINAL PRACTICE

Employ Novel Means of Training Secretly on Franklin Field This After- noon—Each Has Session by Itself.

The Army and Navy football teams, which reached the city today for their annual clash tomorrow, are not taking good chances to let their rivals spy on their formations. Both met on Franklin Field this afternoon for their final practice. They obviously couldn't or wouldn't let the gridiron together. So they hit on a novel expedient. The Army went on the gridiron first, while the Navy team was locked in the north dressing room with a sentry on guard. Then when the soldiers had finished their workout they were locked in the south dressing room with the sailors worked out on the gridiron. Not even harmless newspaper correspondents were allowed to spy on the practices.

Neither of the two head coaches would say a word for publication about their prospects. When Lieutenant Daly, head coach of the Army eleven, was asked what he thought about the outcome he replied in his usual laconic style:

"Don't ask me to say anything. I have no predictions to make. We expect to play our best game."

The Navy coaches were equally reticent about claiming things. Head Coach Howard stated that his men were in good condition, and one of his assistants ventured the opinion that the middles would play the best game of their career.

The work of the two elevens was very brief. Both teams tried a little kick-appeal, then first and second elevens were lined up and they ran through all the formations they are to use tomorrow. Both sides paid particular attention to the forward pass, which led to the assumption that this play would figure prominently tomorrow.

At the close of the two practices the coaches announced the line-ups as follows:

Army
Left end.....left tackle.....Overcash
Right end.....left tackle.....McCoach
Right tackle.....center.....Miller
Left tackle.....right guard.....Jones
Center.....right guard.....W. W. Harrison
Right guard.....left halfback.....Blodgett
Left halfback.....right halfback.....Blodgett
Right halfback.....fullback.....Falling
Fullback.....

PREDICTS LAIRD'S DEATH

Englishman Says Carnegie Has But Six Years to Live.

CHICAGO, Nov. 27.—Andrew Carnegie is nearing the River Styx, according to Dr. Alexander McIvor-Tindall, of London. He told members of the New Thought Society that a picture of Carnegie's hand shows he has but six years to live.

BOYS SHOOT BABY IN EYES TRYING TO KILL SPARROW

Germantown Child Narrowly Escapes Losing Sight.

A shot from an air rifle nearly blinded the 8-months-old baby of Mr. and Mrs. James F. McGuire, of the Manheim Apartments, Germantown, when two boys attempted to shoot a sparrow this morning. They are: Howard Taylor, 429 Greenhurst street, and David Ellistine, Queen Lane and Norris street.

The youngsters were "hunting" on Brighthurst street when they saw a bird on a fence near the apartment house. It was Taylor's "turn" and he fired. The bullet missed the mark and lodged in the eye of the baby, which was in a coach at the rear of the building. Prompt medical attention saved the child's sight.

CLUE IN NEW YORK EXPECTED TO NAME HOTEL ASSAILANT

Police Believe Investigation Will Clear Up Mystery of the Shooting of Condon and the Suicide at Adel- phia Hotel.

A complete report of the results of an investigation in New York is expected late this afternoon by the police to determine the name and station of the man who shot Morris G. Condon, president of the H. B. Underwood Company, machinist, in his apartments at the Adolphus Hotel Wednesday night and then ended his own life.

Detective Giannetti said today he received word that complete information of the robber-suicide's past record would be placed in the hands of detectives from this city who went to New York last night in an endeavor to solve the mystery of the man's identity.

Police here still cling to the theory that Mr. Condon's assailant was formerly a foreign army officer of noble birth. He believed to have been the "black sheep" of a prominent European family who had been dishonorably dismissed from the service of his country.

FIRST "IDENTIFICATION" USELESS.

Coroner's Detective Frank Paul today cast aside as useless the identification made by Patrick Devine, 240 Meredith street, a watchman employed by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.

Devine told the police the man now in the morgue was the same person he dragged from the Delaware River one night last week. He said the stranger dried his clothing in a shanty on the pier at the foot of Jackson street.

Devine, after announcing this morning that he would start for New York to work on the case, said that Devine's statement was worthless.

"I've learned from my experience in this matter," said Paul. "When Addison McCullough, the young University of Pennsylvania student, was found dead in the river off Jackson street last February, Devine came and told a Coroner's jury that he had thrown a rope to McCullough as he struggled in the water and McCullough refused to take it. Later I quizzed Devine and he denied the entire story."

SUICIDE WAS NOT IN WATER

Devine told the police the man, supposedly a former Austrian army officer, gave his name as Paul Schmidt. The Coroner's detective scoffs at the whole suicide ever used that name and he does not believe he tried to end his life in the Delaware River.

More than 15 persons called at the morgue early today and viewed the body. Morgue attendants believe they came out of curiosity. The majority of the callers were well-dressed persons.

Fifteen of Captain Cameron's best detectives, who worked on the case last night, had picked a number of flaws in it. The suicide's clothing, for instance, was neatly pressed. It showed no signs of having been in the water. But more of having been in the water. But more

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STOTESBURY VISITS MAYOR; RELIEF PLAN IS EXPECTED

Councils' Finance Chairman Summoned to the Conference.

A conference, presumably to discuss means for providing relief for the poor of the city, was held today by Mayor Blankenburg, E. T. Stotesbury and John F. Connolly, chairman of Councils' Finance Committee. Mr. Connolly was summoned shortly after Mr. Stotesbury's arrival. It was his first visit to the Mayor since their controversy over the amount of city funds available for contracts.

As Mrs. Stotesbury is taking an active part in the movement to relieve the condition of the poor of the city, it is believed that Mr. Stotesbury's visit was largely on that account. None of those who attended the conference would talk of details.

Details of plans to relieve the unemployed will probably be made known at the meeting of Councils next Thursday. It is probable that \$6,000 will be set aside for this purpose.

REPORT OF RUSSIAN LOSS OF BATTLESHIP IS UNTRUE

Rumor of Destruction of Flota Un- founded.

LONDON, Nov. 27.—A report carried by a dispatch from Petrograd today that the Russian battleship Flota, formerly the Ismail, had been blown up in the Gulf of Finland by a mine and 400 men lost was found, upon investigation, to be untrue.

Hotel Thieves Get \$3000 in Gems

READING, Pa., Nov. 27.—Burglars today entered the St. Cloud Hotel and secured \$3000 in jewelry belonging to Mrs. F. F. Hester, wife of the proprietor.

MIDVALE PART OF A COMBINE, TILLMAN SAYS

Senator From South Carolina Charges Big Corporations Are in League to Fix Prices of Steel.

United States Senator Benjamin R. Tillman, of South Carolina, today charged the Midvale Steel Company was in a combine with the Carnegie Steel Company and the South Bethlehem Steel Company.

Congressional Investigator Runs Into Snag When He Asks Se- crets of Armor Industry in Company's Books.

The charge was made during Senator Tillman's visit to the plant of the Midvale company in Nicetown. Senator Tillman here with a special congressional committee conducting a hearing to determine the feasibility of the proposed Government-owned armor plant.

The committee adjourned to the executive offices of the Midvale Company after making an inspection of the plant.

Senator Tillman made a request for books of the company. The books asked for by the Senator showed the profits of the company, whose value is assessed at \$15,000,000.

"COMBINE FIXES PRICES" Officers of the Company Refuse the Request.

"The Midvale Steel Company, in my opinion, is in a combine with the Carnegie Steel Company and the South Bethlehem steel companies, which control the price of armor plates," said Senator Tillman.

Later Senator Tillman, in discussing the hearing, said:

"I am firmly convinced the Government must make its armor to fortify itself against the robbery which has prevailed in the past."

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